



## GEORGIA ONLINE DATABASE

Georgia libraries have easy access to materials statewide by using the power of the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing interface. Requests are made through an interlibrary lending mechanism that automatically refers requests to each potential lender until filled.

### What is GOLD?

The Georgia Online Database (GOLD), Georgia's group access capability, provides a quick, easy and affordable way to process interlibrary loan requests. Libraries in Georgia, even those that are not cataloging using OCLC, can access and use the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing interface to interact with more than 200 Georgia member libraries.

- GOLD participants can search more than 190 million master bibliographic records in OCLC WorldCat to determine which libraries hold an item needed.
- GOLD libraries have contributed more than 22 million bibliographic records to OCLC WorldCat and GeorgiaCat.
- More than 800,000 serials holdings from Georgia libraries are in WorldCat and GeorgiaCat.
- Georgia libraries filled more than 105,000 interlibrary loans through the OCLC ILL system during FY2011.

### What do members need to get started?

To participate in WorldCat Resource Sharing, GOLD members just need Internet access and an OCLC authorization number and password. New users can receive training through Georgia Public Library Service. Contact GPLS for more information about group resource sharing.

### Why use GOLD/OCLC ILL?

**Improved library service.** Group access gives library users an interlibrary lending fill rate of 95 percent, with most loans shipped within four business days.

**Improved resource sharing.** In addition to more than 190 million items in WorldCat, library users will also have access to the resources of many document suppliers.

**Improved productivity.** By using the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing interface, GOLD participants are spared many of the time-consuming tasks associated with interlibrary lending. Using OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing in conjunction with statewide union catalogs such as PINES and GIL or with an institution's local automation system allows libraries to streamline interlibrary lending workflow.

**Low cost.** GOLD participating libraries honor each other's reciprocal agreements to lend materials to other GOLD members at no charge, saving libraries thousands of dollars a year in resource sharing costs.

### Who uses GOLD?

Libraries of all types — public, academic and private — participate in GOLD.

**OCLC members:** Participants that contribute all current cataloging to OCLC WorldCat via online cataloging systems training through the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) or attach holdings through batch services.

**Affiliate members:** Participants that use OCLC for selective services, such as OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing, CatExpress and FirstSearch, and also submit holdings via batchload.



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